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Direct Enrollment of Licensed School Psychologists

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) will begin the direct enrollment of Licensed School Psychologists licensed by the Virginia Department of Health Profession's Board of Psychology as Medicaid and FAMIS participating providers and reimbursing them for the services they provide to eligible Medicaid and FAMIS recipients. Only mental health services provided within their scope of practice as defined by the VA Board of Psychology will be reimbursed. This new enrollment practice applies to school psychologists who provide Fee-for-Service Medicaid and FAMIS covered non-school based psychological services outside of the school setting. **This new enrollment practice does not apply to "School Psychologists Limited", which is a separate and distinct class type recognized by the Board of Psychology.**

Other services provided in the school setting by employees and contractors of the public school system remain unchanged. (These services are described in **Chapter IV of the School Division Manual**

found at http://websrvr.dmas.virginia.gov/ProviderManuals/ManualChapters/sd/chapterIV_sd.pdf). **These services will continue to be billed through the school division.**

Medicaid Contracted Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) have separate enrollment requirements and reimbursement rates. Please check with the individual MCOs to determine if Licensed School Psychologists may enroll independently.

Prior Authorization

Please note that services provided by Licensed School Psychologists fall under the category of "Outpatient Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services" and are subject to prior authorization. Licensed School Psychologists should refer to the guidance in Chapter IV and



✖ Appendix C of the Psychiatric Services, Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services, and Mental Health Clinic Manuals, regarding prior authorization. The link is

<http://websrvr.dmas.virginia.gov/ProviderManuals/Default.aspx>.

COVERED SERVICES AND REIMBURSEMENT

Licensed School Psychologists will be reimbursed at 67.5% of the rate provided to Psychiatrists, which is the same rate provided to Medicaid enrolled Licensed Practical Counselors, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists. Reimbursement rates under the Medicaid fee for service program are periodically updated and can be found at www.dmas.virginia.gov/pr-fee_files.htm.

LICENSED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ENROLLMENT

Licensed School Psychologists will be required to obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) prior to enrolling in the Virginia Medicaid Program. Licensed School Psychologists may obtain an NPI by contacting the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) at 1-800-465-3203 or by applying online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>. After obtaining an NPI, Licensed School Psychologists must submit a completed provider enrollment package to First Health Services Corporation (FHSC). The enrollment package can be acquired at www.dmas.virginia.gov (then click on "Provider Enrollment" on the left side menu) or by contacting:

First Health Services - Provider Enrollment
Unit (PEU) Post Office Box 26803

Richmond, Virginia 23261-6803

1-888-829-5373 (in-state, toll-free long
distance)

1-804-270-5105 (Richmond area and out of state
long distance) Fax: 1-804-270-7027



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UPDATE TO RELEVANT MEDICAID MANUALS

Updates to the relevant Medicaid Manuals will be made during the next quarterly update process, which is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2009. These updates will include changes to the Psychiatric Services, Community Mental Health Rehabilitative Services, and Mental Health Clinic Manuals.

ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS STATUS INFORMATION

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, prior authorization, and pharmacy prescriber identification information called the Automated Response System (ARS). The website address to use to enroll for access to this system is <http://virginia.fhsc.com>. The MediCall voice response system will provide the same information and can be accessed by calling 800-884-9730 or 800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

COPIES OF MANUALS

DMAS publishes electronic and printable copies of its provider manuals and Medicaid Memoranda on the DMAS website at www.dmas.virginia.gov. Refer to the "DMAS Content Menu" column on the left-hand side of the DMAS web page for the "Provider Services" link, which takes you to the Manuals, Memos and Communications link. This link opens a page that contains all of the various communications to providers, including Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memoranda. The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet, or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order these by contacting

Commonwealth-Martin at 804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates that are requested.

"HELPLINE"

The "HELPLINE" is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except State holidays, to answer questions. The "HELPLINE" numbers are:



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1-804- 786-6273 Richmond area and out-of-state long-distance

1-800-552-8627 All other areas (in-state long-distance, toll-free) Please remember that the "HELPLINE" is for provider use only.